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TO ADVERTISERS.

In justice to ourselves and to you we wish to state that the circulation of the TRANSCRIPT is over 1,200 copies weekly and has been for the past five months. We believe this to be at least 25 per cent. greater than any other country weekly in the county. This statement is made merely to correct an erroneous impression which obtains in certain quarters.

THE BOND DEAL.

The government will receive over eleven millions dollars in premiums on the sale of the \$100,000,000 of 4 per cent. bonds. This brings the interest to the investors down to about 31 per cent. While the taking of the bonds shows a confidence of the people in government securities and that far the subscription is patriotic and commendable, it indicates that a vast amount of capital is not employed, the holders to the extent of nearly \$600,000,000 being willing to invest in 4 per cent. bonds. This from a commercial point of view is not at all gratifying to the business men of the country. Why is it thus? Is a question every man may well ask himself. His business demands that he shall consider the question.

The public sale of the bonds is a great gain to the United States Treasury over the private sale a year ago when on the \$62,000,000 the government lost \$9,000,000. This was the sum that President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle put in the hands of their friend Morgan. It is for such acts as this that the President is being so severely criticized by Senator Tillman, a Democrat from Georgia, and other public men. They point to the fact that when Mr. Cleveland was first elected President he was a poor man and now he is a millionaire, and that without visible means of accumulating wealth. One thing is certain Mr. Cleveland is not the idol of his party as he was for 8 or 9 years from 1884.

But another scandal attaches itself to this last bond deal. The bids were opened before the advertised hour and Morgan, Cleveland's friend, ten minutes before the hour of noon, the closing hour for accepting bids, put in a supplementary bid which gave him a third of the bonds. It is said that he had knowledge of the bids of others, and used that knowledge to their disadvantage. If true, this is a disgrace. It is charged in the public press, and is not contradicted.

Another evidence of the lack of business principles about the bids was that no guarantee or restriction was required. It is said that a bright New York boy, without any means put in a bid for \$400,000. His bid was one of the accepted ones and he sold it to the brokers for \$10,000. It was a bright scheme and without risks as Carlisle required no forfeits and "no nothing." The boy won, but that he could win in the playing of U. S. Bonds is not to the credit of the Administration. There are those, however, who doubt the existence of business methods in the Treasury under Carlisle. The first task at which Carlisle set himself was to discharge Republicans and it appears that he got clear of the good business sense that has heretofore been in the Treasury Department.

BRUTE FORCE IN POLITICS.

"Bat" Shea is dead—died by the hand of the public executioner, Edward Murphy is in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, awaiting trial for the outrage committed by his man Shea, and others. In March two years ago the thugs and repeaters who had taken control of Troy, N. Y., in the interest of Senator Murphy, in a row at the polls, killed Robert Ross and nearly killed his two brothers. A man named McGough was sentenced to twenty years for his part in the murder and "Bat" Shea was convicted of murder in the first degree. Every effort has been made to save him by Senator Murphy and his friends, and a few weeks ago McGough confessed that he did the killing and Shea was innocent. A reprieve was granted and the matter was investigated, and found no believers among those charged with the investigation, and a Criminal, the tool of worse men, died a criminal.

Robert Ross died also, a martyr to honest elections. It is a shame that it is necessary to sacrifice men as victims to the purity of the ballot before shameless repeaters can be stopped in their schemes of robbery. It is a shame but it is the truth. And honest men in Delaware can well consider where the frauds upon the ballot, the robbery of the franchise of citizens of this State, may lead. Had the acts that have been endured in Delaware, have happened in many States, blood shed would have followed. The forbearance here has been wonderful but there is no guarantee that it will continue forever in the face of political thefts and wrongs. Let the men who are responsible for them stop and consider. Let the Bob Powells cease to cheat men of their birth-right, and let honesty at elections prevail. Let brute force in politics cease.

THEIR FAIRNESS.

"The editor of a paper in Middletown under an article on 'taxes' takes occasion to announce in cold type that he has paid his taxes and has the receipt to prove it. It is a trick and a cross about it. Of course under the head of 'taxes' he takes the prolix subject of the 'assessment' laws which were made to deprive the Republicans of their political rights" as he puts it, but which in reality were made to keep voters in general from dodging their taxes every other year thus depleting the County Treasury to that amount. If the editor's party did the most dodging then of course the law hit hard. It seems that his party are careful dodgers as it requires some six or eight thousand dollars in Kent and Sussex to keep them from bumping the counties out of their poll tax and from the delinquent lists. The tender spot with the voters is that they have to pay a tax to vote. Is our worthy tax payer is on the morality side of the question won't he explain how so many colored voters got on the assessment in the Republican Assessor's district in Wilmington, and have him removed if guilty, as he had the grab salaries of the Wilmington Post Office employees cut off. Action is hardly to be expected as the Assessor is a "boss of another color."—*Delaware Pilot.*

The above is a sample of the fairness and honesty of the Democratic papers in Delaware. "A paper" refers to the TRANSCRIPT, and our readers will remember that the "trick" consists in the gross misapplying of the name. McKindra Dounhan is not the name of the editor of this paper. It is the name written in his tax receipt and with such a receipt and the editor of the Pilot as Registrar he would not be allowed to register and would thus be deprived of his vote. It takes an ignorant man combined with a dishonest one to do the business. They have deprived many a Republican of his vote since the passage of the disfranchising assessment laws of 1873. We say the editor of the Pilot is politically dishonest so that he would do the act we charge because he is dishonest enough to misstate the facts as put by the TRANSCRIPT and to laugh at his "smartness" in so doing. Is not that true?

Republicans do not object to the poll tax, but they do object to its use by the party in power to disfranchise them. If the payment of taxes is what is wanted, the revenue, then allow a man to pay the taxes of "every other year," along with the present year. Allow a man to pay for one, two or three years as he may be delinquent and the County Treasuries would not be the losers. As the law is now they are the losers of the delinquent taxes and the delinquents are deprived of their votes. That is the intention, and the Pilot knows it, else the proposition made by the Republicans to allow men to pay delinquent taxes would have been accepted by a Democratic Legislature. It is ridiculous to say it is the money that is wanted when the law is such that it refuses the taxes after a brief period.

"Dodging" indeed! Were the fourteen Republicans of Dover "dodging" when they followed Collector Powell to Philadelphia and there tendered him their taxes? He was dodging and he kicked the money into the corridor of the hotel and deprived the County Treasury of the money rightly due it. Does the Pilot justify the act? But Powell did more—he robbed those fourteen Republicans of their votes, as he and his party friends intended. Does the Pilot justify the act? It dare not quote the TRANSCRIPT and answer. It never does quote it in any case.

Your "worthy tax payer" does not know "how so many colored voters got on the assessment in the Republican Assessor's district in Wilmington." It seems that the assessor was but following the example of his Democratic predecessors and associates—a very risky thing to do—and now according to the law made expressly for Republicans and interpreted against them by a partisan court there is no way of correcting the errors. We do not think they are material since we now have registration which we did not have when the Democratic Assessors padded the lists, still we think it is very unfortunate that the Levy Court has not some discretion in the matter, but that is the law and it is Democratic, and we suppose the people will have to stand it. The TRANSCRIPT cannot rectify all the Democratic mistakes as it did the Wilmington Post Office steal. By the way work is to begin on that building soon and the Democrats should see that one only is appointed to superintend the job. Under Harrison one man did it all but Senator Gray had three men appointed to do the same work. In the interest of economy the Pilot should here exert its influence.

We have answered the Pilot candidly. Will it in answer say? If the assessment law are good, why were they repealed in 1891 to prevent their operation by Republicans and why re-enacted in 1893 when the Democrats came into power again? Is this a "hoax of another color?"

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATION.

"The Maryland Legislature is still haggling over the question of free text books for the State public schools and it is far from certain that any action will be taken at this session. Delaware has provided free text books for years, and 4 some people attempt to cry down this State as being backward in the cause of public education. The fact is, however, that educational interests in Delaware are more completely served than in most of the States of the Union."—*Every Evening.*

Our esteemed contemporary need not trouble itself about the free text books in Maryland. They will come under Republican legislation. In 1889 the writer offered a bill for free text books in Delaware—it was defeated, but at the next session the people were given free text books. They were guaranteed through the high license bill, the outcome of a bill offered by the writer also in 1889, which put the necessary funds into the State Treasury to the credit of the schools. Free text books in Delaware are the results of Republican legislation and give our friends in Maryland time and they will do as well.

Vegetables at Booth's—New Caley, New Peas, Lettuce, Radishes, Tomatoes, Onions, Parsley, Pot Herbs.

"BOB" POWELL AGAIN.

"The many and contradicting phases of Collector Powell's career as a public officer are notorious. He is a saw into himself and regards neither right nor decency in the administration of his office, but appears equally anxious to be notorious both as a collector who collects tax twice over from the same party. Sometime ago he collected, under restraint of property, a tax which he had refused to accept when tendered to him. When the tax-payer offered him the money he declared that he had no tax against the man, but had passed the bill into the hands of the Sheriff. When it suited him, however, he collected the tax under a distraint of the man's property. Just how he explains what appears to be a deliberate lie told to that tax-payer we do not know. It is possible, however, that under the circumstances it is sufficient for him to say: "It was a Republican's tax, which I refused to accept."

Another case which will be more difficult to explain has come to light. On Wednesday last Powell issued a distraint for unpaid taxes of 1894, against the personal property of George Lantman. This tax was paid, as is proven by a receipt from Powell, on Jan. 23, 1895. It is simply outrageous that all taxpayers should be put to such inconvenience by a public officer. There can be no excuse for such offenses. If they are the result of errors, their frequency proves him unfit for his office. If, as he claims, they are the result of the circumstances connected with these two cases, and many others, indicate, these things result from political prejudice, and a desire to aid the Democratic party, the doing of them is a willful violation of his oath of office. There ought to be some legal way to punish such offenses, and if it can be done it ought to be done. To do it would not be partisan politics but an act of good citizenship. The fact that these victims of Collector Powell's are poor colored men does not condone, but aggravates his offense. The defence of the weak was once considered chivalrous and honorable, and on the other hand the oppression of the poor was considered the basest tyranny. Has all virtue gone out of Delaware Democracy? and must it condone such offenses, and defend such offenses as Collector Powell is committing?"—*State Sentinel.*

The TRANSCRIPT has had occasion several times to mention "Bob Powell," the Dover Collector, a sample of the rascals who rob men of their birth-right. Another chapter in his political life was told above in Feb. 1st. Since then the Dover Collector has issued two numbers and the Delawarean one, yet they fail to defend him or to explain his conduct. It is evidently a true bill, and one that is the direct result of the manipulation of affairs to retain control against the will of the people. Is it not strange that men, honest in their own matters to a penny, will countenance and encourage such dishonesty in party men? Not all men do it, however. We know D. moorans who denounce such conduct and but for Adicks they would be Republicans to-day. It is well to think on these matters.

IN KENT COUNTY.

Dover will entertain 425 visitors and delegates to the Wilmington M. E. Conference, which will meet there next month.

There have been eighty conversions at Kenton M. E. Church during the revival services which are now going on.

Mrs. T. K. Jones will send the town of Dover for damages claimed to have been received from a fall on a defective pavement.

A handsome memorial window for the late Rev. L. W. Gibson of Dover has been put in the Episcopal church at Camden by the parishioners there.

Dover town council is in a deadlock over the election of a superintendent of the town water works. J. T. Hoffacker has four votes, W. M. Hazell, 4; and C. W. Fisher, 1. The Director, of the National Bank at Dover are in a deadlock also over the election of a president to succeed the Hon. N. B. Smithers.

The Levy Court of Kent County has named the following collectors for the present year: Duck Creek, R. Y. Walley; Kenton, David Reese; Little Creek, Thos. Hopkins; West Dover, William Artis; East Dover, W. G. Postles; North Mardickill, postponed; South Mardickill, East, E. F. Melvin, West, Robert Cooper; Mispillion, First, Wilbur Calhoun; Second, J. H. Morgan; Milford, A. J. Ross.

The large frame house on the farm of Capt. J. C. Durborough, near Rising Sun was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The tenant, John Clark, and family, had a narrow escape from being cremated. The house was in a mass of flames when a colored man discovered the fire. He at once awakened Mr. and Mrs. Clark and they escaped in their night clothes.

The building and contents were entirely destroyed. Loss, \$1,200; insured in the Kent County Mutual for \$850.

Two boys were mysteriously shot in a cigar store on South State street a few nights ago. They are within 12 and 15 years of age and refuse to say how the shooting happened. James Reed, the elder of the two, was shot in the neck and died at once. The other, George Dodd, is in the hospital. Reed's wound is painful but not serious and Dodd has entirely recovered.—*Dover Index.*

On a charge of appropriating \$500 of back pension money due Mrs. Lois R. Derrickson and Florence E. Hudson, Benah Knapp, of Harrington, was held in \$200 bail for trial at the United States Court by Commissioner Smith, in Wilmington on Monday.

A Delawarean Not English.

The Los Angeles Times of January 31st contained the following: At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a youth about 19 years of age was found wandering about Twenty-eighth and Main streets. He was barefooted and had nothing on but a pair of trousers and an undershirt. On being arrested he gave vague, wandering replies to the questions of Policemen Miller and Conley, and was brought to the Police Station for medical treatment. There it developed that his name was Walter Salsbury, and from his answers the inference was drawn that he was a nephew of Lord Salsbury the Prime Minister of England. The conclusion was reached by the officers that Governor Cleveland's message to the Legislature had been delivered to the youth into insanity.

A Times reporter interviewed the young man in the Receiving Hospital. At first he refused to answer questions, but a cigar being proffered him, he talked in a sullen manner that at times brightened. "No, I am not a nephew of Lord Salsbury. I am a nephew of Hedges Salsbury of Delaware. I have been in Los Angeles a month, and since I came here have been sick with the grip. I don't get drunk as they say I did. I never go on a 'trot'."

Then his mind wandered and he kept asking for a light for his cigar which was well lighted at the time. On being asked where his boots and clothes were, he exclaimed: "I threw my boots away because they were dirty." After this he became sullen and refused to answer except in monosyllables.

The young man is evidently mentally deranged, and the police are waiting for information with regard to him.

THE ARCHDEACONRY.

Rev. W. J. Wilkie attended the first session of the Archdeaconry of Wilmington, Diocese of Delaware, held at Newark, on Tuesday. The Treasurer is indebted to him for the following program:

10 a. m.—Business Session.
11 a. m.—The holy communion. Celebrant: The Bishop of Delaware. Preacher: The Rev. C. Ernest Smith, Rector of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Baltimore, Md.
12:30 P. M.—Recess.

2:30 to 4 p. m.—Subject: General and Parochial Organizations. Their Use: Robert Adair, Esq. Their Abuse: The Rev. Albert R. Walker. Discussion—to be opened by The Rev. F. M. Munson, and Mr. J. D. Carter.

4 to 4:30 p. m.—Recess.
4:30 to 6 p. m.—Subject: Marriage and Divorce. The Church View: The Rev. Chas. E. Murray. The State View: Thos. F. Bayard, Jr., Esq. Discussion—to be opened by Prof. George D. Harter, and the Rev. E. K. Miller.

6 p. m.—Recess.
8 p. m.—Service and Address. Missionary Factors. The Hilar, The Rev. A. Har old Miller. The Mind, The Rev. George C. Hall. The Hand, Mr. John S. Grobe.

The Archdeaconry, in its present form is somewhat new in this Diocese which is divided into two—this, embracing New Castle county, and the Archdeaconry of Dover, embracing Kent and Sussex counties. Two sessions will be held each year, the fall session being a union meeting between the two.

A SURPRISING ASSIGNMENT.

Under the above heading the Kent News refers to the business reverses of a gentleman well known in this community where his many friends hope matters may be better than they appear.

"One of the greatest surprises in our business community for a long time was the assignment for the benefit of credit of W. Irving Walker, Esq., and wife, last week. The deed of assignment is dated January 21st, 1896, and is made to Dr. S. E. Ford and George Warfield, Esq., who are directed to dispose of so much as may be necessary of the real and personal property at public or private sale, as may be found most advantageous, and apply the proceeds of sale of each separate estate of Mr. and Mrs. Walker to the debts of the respective parties. The estate is reported to be about \$35,000, and the assets considerably over that sum, as the estate includes nine farms—about 2700 acres—of good land in our adjoining county, Queen Anne's. The deed makes no preference of any creditor.

Mr. Walker is regarded as a thorough business man—intelligent, enterprising and of excellent habits—and has made many friends in Chester County, where he is often seen. Mrs. Catherine F. Walker, his wife, is the daughter of the late Capt. Budd S. Ford, and much sympathy is expressed for her husband's unfortunate reverse.

The causes for Mr. Walker's embarrassment are reported to be the loss of a considerable sum as a stockholder in the McCullough Iron Company in Cecil county, and the general unprofitableness of agriculture and depreciation of real estate. The estate is one of the largest ever assigned in this section, but the trustees, Messrs. Ford and Warfield, are fully qualified and will no doubt discharge the duties of their trust to the satisfaction of all concerned."

MY MARYLAND.

Mr. David Genese, who owns a valuable property beautifully located at Belton, was last week granted a patent for a suppository and making same. Also suppository machine.

David Griggs, colored, who was arrested charged with the murder of his mother, Harriet Lewis, an aged colored woman, near Glasgow, four miles from Elkton, over the State line, was discharged from custody on Monday.

The farmers of Ridgely, Caroline county, have signed an agreement not to grow tomatoes for less than five dollars a ton. After a careful consideration they have decided that there is no money to be made at growing tomatoes at five dollars a ton, which they have done heretofore.

Salsbury now has three yeast powder manufacturing plants running on full time. Dr. A. H. Murrell makes the "Wicomico" brand. Mr. S. P. Woodcock manufactures the "White Rose," and Messrs. John Gordy and D. S. Wooten, the "Enterprise." All of these yeast powders are made from good formulas, and are having good sale.—*Wicomico News.*

Miss Sarah Jane Clayton, who died at Rising Sun Tuesday last, was rather eccentric. A year ago she had her tombstone removed from the cemetery and she expressed a wish that not a word be spoken at her funeral, and her wish was complied with when her remains were laid at rest Friday afternoon. She was seventy-three years of age.—*Cecil County News.*

As announced in The Ledger (Eastern) two weeks ago, about thirty tomato growers of the county met in the Court House on Tuesday. Reports are received from committees appointed for Chesapeake, Oxford and Eastern, and it was resolved not to grow tomatoes for the canners this year for less than \$6 a ton. A general meeting of growers from all the canning districts will be held in the Court House on Saturday at 11 o'clock. The canners say they cannot afford to pay \$6, and if the growers hold out for that price they will be compelled to close their canneries.

Dr. Samuel Beck, a well known citizen of Chester, died suddenly Saturday night. Dr. Beck was one of the most widely known and prominent citizens of Kent county. During his early manhood he practiced medicine, and was twice elected clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county. Upon retiring from this office, about four years ago, he formed a partnership with W. S. Walker for the manufacture and sale of fertilizers, in which business he continued until his death. He was a member of the board of visitors and governors of Washington College, and a vestryman in Emmanuel P. E. Church, Chester.

Dr. Beck had been prominent and active in Democratic politics in his county for many years. He was chairman of the State Central Committee for that county, and was delegate to the last Democratic Convention.

Delawareans in New York.

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Mrs. Dr. Graves, of Marietta, Penn., is at home for a few days at her father's, J. M. Reed.

Madam rumor says we are to have several more weddings to take place quite soon.

Cards have been issued for the wedding of Miss Carrie Brady to Henry M. McCullough of the Elkton bar.

Capt. John Smithers died Monday, Feb. 9th, was buried Thursday from the residence of his son, Waltham Smithers.

Miss Nettie McMullen has returned home to Wilmington, after spending several very pleasant days with Miss Nellie Boulden.

The Boys' Mission Band of the Presbyterian Church held a social at the residence of Mrs. Jas. Hopper one evening last week.

The Monday evening Club met on Monday evening with quite a large attendance of its members and eight or ten visitors and a very interesting program was rendered.

Owing to the amount of water in the cellar of the Episcopal Church, service was held Sunday morning and evening in the Mechanics Hall. Workmen are engaged to fix the drain, and they expect to have it so they can hold service in the Church Sunday.

Grand Lodge of United Workmen.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware, Ancient Order of United Workmen, met at Seaford, on Tuesday morning with all the grand officers present, together with representatives from 25 lodges. Supreme Trustee William H. Verneley was present as special representative of the supreme master workman. He made an earnest address, which excited much enthusiasm. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Charles Heinsel, Grand Master Workman; Thomas J. Truxton, Grand Foreman; W. T. Gallagher, Grand Overseer; James E. Saville, Grand Guide; William E. Emmell, Grand Inside Watch; George Stevenson, Grand Outside Watch; Charles E. Woods, Grand Recorder; E. A. Finley, Grand Receiver; C. S. Watson, Grand Trustee for three years; C. B. Prettyman, John J. Gallagher and W. A. Reynolds, Representatives to the Supreme Lodge.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Hon. Wm. H. English, who was the national Democratic nominee for Vice-President in 1880 on the ticket with Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, died Friday, aged 74 years.

Edwin F. Uhl, of Michigan, Assistant Secretary of State, has been made Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States to Germany. The nomination was made by President Cleveland on Monday and was confirmed by the Senate within a good hour after it was received. The choice is a good one and meets with commendation from all quarters.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: N. T. Layton, A. N. Sutton & Bros, Barcelona B. Gorden, Mrs. Dosh Smith.

Sunday-School Convention.

The ninth annual Sunday school Convention of the State of Delaware will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Milford, on Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6 as heretofore reported in the TRANSCRIPT. Each Sunday-school in the State is entitled to be represented by the pastor, superintendent and two delegates, who with the officers and standing committees are members of the convention.

William Reynolds, of Peoria, Ill., field superintendent of the executive committee of the International Convention, with Miss Annie S. Harlow, superintendent of the primary department in the Bethany Sunday-school of Philadelphia, will be present and take an active part in the proceedings of the convention. Prof. John R. Sweney will conduct the singing.

This being the year in which the association makes a report to the International Convention, which meets in Boston in June next, it is necessary to hear from each school in the State.

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Mrs. Dr. Graves, of Marietta, Penn., is at home for a few days at her father's, J. M. Reed.

Madam rumor says we are to have several more weddings to take place quite soon.

Cards have been issued for the wedding of Miss Carrie Brady to Henry M. McCullough of the Elkton bar.

Capt. John Smithers died Monday, Feb. 9th, was buried Thursday from the residence of his son, Waltham Smithers.

Miss Nettie McMullen has returned home to Wilmington, after spending

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